

June 11, 1924. 17

Cancelation of trout-fishing permits.

Mr. E. A. Sherman,
Associate Forester,
U. S. Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Referring to the matter of permits issued recently by the Secretary of Commerce for certain trout-fishing operations in the waters of Alaska, copies of which have been sent to the Forest Service, I wish to advise that in view of the provisions of the new fisheries act approved June 6, 1924, the Department has decided to discontinue the issuance of trout permits. The only requirement imposed so far as this Department is concerned will be that such operations must not interfere in any degree whatever with salmon and must conform strictly to the Alaska fisheries laws and regulations that may hereafter be enacted or promulgated, or are now in effect.

Letters canceling the permits previously issued to them have therefore been addressed to O. W. Billien, Wrangell, Alaska; R. E. Clanton, operating for the Game Commission of Oregon, Portland, Oregon; Department of Fisheries and Game, State of Washington, Seattle, Washington; Game Commission for King County, Seattle, Washington; and H. M. Stackpole and E. K. Houston, Ketchikan, Alaska. Copies of these letters are inclosed for the information of the Forest Service.

The withdrawal of the requirement for a permit from this Department will not, of course, affect in any way the requirements of the Forest Service in regard to the use of land, timber or other resources within any National Forest in connection with operations of this character.

Very truly yours,

Henry O'Malley

Commissioner.

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Copy to Seattle office.

Copy to Juneau office.

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Mr. E. M. Ball,
U. S. Bureau of Fisheries,
Juneau, Alaska.

There is inclosed herewith copy of a letter of this date to Mr. E. A. Sherman, Associate Forester, advising of the cancelation of all of the permits for trout fishing in Alaskan waters which have been issued recently. Copies of the letters of cancelation will come to you under another cover.

This action is in line with the decision of the Department as stated in the recent telegram to you regarding the application of Edwin E. Sholin and is based upon the provisions of the Act of June 6, 1924. A copy of this act will be forwarded to you as soon as some official copies can be secured.

It is suggested that you may want to advise the Territorial Fish Commission of the Department's action in regard to this matter.

Henry O'Malley.
Commissioner.

Inclosure.

Copy to Seattle office.

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